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SUBJECT: MEETING WITH USSR CO-CHAIRMAN WORLD OCEANS AGREEMENT:

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REF: WHITE/SIDORENKO LETTER OF BE. 18, STATE 58401,

1. SCICOUNS MET WITH VICE PRESIDENT USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCES, ACADEMICIAN ALEKSANDR V. SIKORENKO MARCH 11 AND DELIVERED TWO LETTERS FROM DR. WHITE (SEE REFS).

2. ACADEMICIAN SIKORENKO THANKS DR. WHITE FOR HIS CONGRATULATIONS AND HOPES FOR A FRUITFUL COOPERATION UNDER THE WORLD OCEAN AGREEMENT FOR THE GOOD OF BOTH OF OUR COUNTRIES AND MANKIND.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE US PROPOSAL (REF B) TO CONDUCT THE MEETING ON THE 5, 6 AND 7TH OF APRIL IN HONOLULU, ACADEMICIAN SIDORENKO RESPONDED

THAT IT WILL BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR HIM TO ACCOMPANY THE SOVIET DELEGATION SINCE HE IS PLANNING AN EXTENDED VISIT TO YUGOSLAVIA BETWEEN MARCH 20 AND APRIL 1. HE NEEDS TIME TO REST BEFORE HIS TRIP TO HONOLULU.

SCICOUNS WAS INFORMED THAT SOVIETS ARE PREPARING A REPLY IN WHICH THEY WILL PROPOSE THAT THE REST OF THE DELEGATION COME IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE US PROPOSAL BUT THAT VICE PRESIDENT SIDORENKO HIMSELF WOULD ARRIVE LATER, THE 9TH OR 10TH OF APRIL FOR THE FINAL MEETINGS AND THE SIGNING OF THE DOCUMENTS.

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RM IN RESPONSE TO SCICOUNS COMMENT THAT THE EMBASSY HAD SOUGHT APPOINTMENT WITH SIDORENKO SINCE FEBRUARY 25 TO DELIVER WHITE LETTER, SIDORENKO REPLIED THAT HE HAS BEEN EXTREMELY BUSY TAKING PART IN THE 25TH PARTY CONGRESS.

5. CONCERNING FURTHER DEVELOPMENT OF THE JOINT PLANNING FOR THE POLYMODE PROJECT, ACADEMICIAN SIDORENKO POINTED OUT THAT HE IS QUITE NEW ON THE JOB AND NEEDS MORE TIME BEFORE HE CAN PROVIDE AN ANSWER. CONTINUING, SCICOUNS EXPRESSED HOPE THAT IN SPITE OF THE DELAYED DELIVERY OF THE FEBRUARY 18 LETTER SOVIET SIDE WILL BE ABLE TO DISCUSS MATTERS MENTIONED THEREIN WITH DONALD MARTINEAU AND NED OSTENSO DURING MEETINGS NEXT WEEK.

6. SCICOUNS NOTICED MANY ACADEMY WORKERS WAITING IN LINE TO SEE ACADEMICIAN SIDORENKO AND BELIEVES THAT SIDORENKO KEPT VERY BUSY COPING WITH LOSSE ENDS LEFT TO HIM BECAUSE OF VINOGRADOV'S ILLNESS AND DEATH.
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